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SUBJ: APRIL STRUGGLE SESSIONS AT LIAONING UNIVERSITY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS PASSED US TEXT OF 38 PAGE MINUTE OF STRUGGLE SESSION HELD AT LIAONING UNIVERSITY ON APRIL 1. FROM THE QUESTIONS POSED, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE MOST OBVIOUS SUPPORTERS OF THE GANG OF FOUR IN LIAONING HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND PURGED. CAMPAIGN IN LIAONING IS NOW FUCUSSING ON LESSER ACCOMPLICES, POSSIBLY WITH AN EYE TO BUILDING A CASE AGAINST MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL LEVEL OFFICIALS STILL IN THEIR POSITIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS PASSED US FULL TEXT OF RECORD OF STRUGGLE SESSION CONDUCTED AT APRIL 1 "EXPANDED PARTY MEETING" LF LIAONING UNIVERSITY. (THE 38 PAGE TEXT WAS COPIED IN LONG HAND BY CANADIAN STUDENT IN SHENYANG -- PROTECT CLOSELY.) THE PURPOSE OF THE SESSION WAS TO STRUGGLE AND DEVELOP EVIDENCE AGAINST ONE CHAO YING-TS'AI, A PROFESSOR AT LIAONING UNIVERSITY WHO IN THE YEYDAY OF THE GANG OF FOUR HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORKER PROPAGANDA TEAMS AND WHO APPARENTLY EXERCISED
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SOME FORM OF COMMAND AUTHORITY OVER THE CAMPUS BASED MILITIEDM

3. PARTICIPANTS IN THE SESSION CHALLENGED CHAO TO EXPLAIN HIS LINKS WITH LI PO-CH'IU (LIAONING PARTY SECRETARY PURGED IN MID-MARCH), HUANG OU-TUNG (LIAONING PARTY SECRETARY APPARENTLY STILL IN HIS JOB), HSUEH YU-SHAN (LEADING MEMBER OF THE PRC MINISTRY OF EDUCATION), SUNG KUANG (VICE CHAIRMAN,

SHENYANG MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE), AND LOCAL/UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES WU YU-TEH, HU SHUN-CH'UN, AND WANG HAI-FENG. CHAO WAS SPECIFICALLY CALLED ON TO EXPLAIN HIS ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE "DECEMBER 6 MASS MEETING", AFTER WHICH LI PO-CH'U ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTED TO RALLY HIS PRO -GANG OF FOUR FORCES, AND THE "JANUARY 26 MASS MEETING," WHEN IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE PROVINCE MUST CRITICIZE CHANG TIEH-SHENG.

4. CHAO WAS ALSO OBLIGED TO EXPLAIN HIS EARLIER OPEN CRITICISM OF CHAIRMAN HUA AND VICE CHAIRMAN YEH. DODGING THESE QUESTIONS AS HE HAD THE OTHERS, CHAO ACKNOWLEDGED ONLY THAT "WHEN I HEARD THAT CENTRAL DIRECTIVE NUMBER ONE (1976) INDICATED THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF VICE CHAIRMAN YEH'S ILLNESS COMRADE CHEN HSI-LIEN WOULD DIRECT HIS WORK, I ERRONEOUSLY REMARKED THAT PERHAPS HIS ILLNESS IS IDEOLOGICAL."

5. THE SESSION CONCLUDED WITH A WARNING TO CHAO THAT HIS PERFORMANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE CANDID AT SUBSEQUENT CRITICISM MEETINGS.

6. COMMENT: THE CONTENT AND TENOR OF THE QUESTIONS SUGGEST THAT THE CAMPAIGN IN LIAONING HAS SHIFTED ITS FOCUS TO LESSER ACCOMPLICES OF THE GANG OF FOUR. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF FIRST SECRETARY TSENG SHAO-SHAN, WHOSE ROLE IN THE LIAONING PROBLEM WAS EQUIVOCAL, SECOND SECRETARY JEN CHUNG-YI, OR MILITARY REGION COMMANDER LI TEH-SHENG.

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